



**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
2025 LEGISLATIVE REPORT
(pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes)**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Aquatic Preserve Society, Inc.

Mailing Address: 2671 Crawfordville Hwy, PMB 17
Crawfordville, Florida 32327-2169

Telephone Number: (850)544-0380

Website Address *(required if applicable)*:

☒ Check to confirm your Code of Ethics is posted conspicuously on your website.

Statutory Authority:

Section 20.2551, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit; public records; partnerships. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements, operational parameters, duties of a CSO to support the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), or individual units of the Department, use of Department property, audit requirements, public records requirements, and authorizes public-private partnerships to enhance lands managed by the Department.

Section 20.058, F.S., Citizen support and direct-support organizations. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements to submit an annual report each year for each designated CSO and to post that information on the Departments website.

YOUR MISSION AND LAST CALENDAR YEAR'S PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CSO's Mission: (Consistent with your Articles and Bylaws)

The Aquatic Preserve Society (APS) is a non-profit organization advancing Florida's Aquatic Preserves managed by the Office of Resiliency and Coastal Protection. Our mission is to protect, conserve and restore these unique natural Florida resources through public awareness and support.

Describe Last Calendar Year's Results Obtained: Brag! (List or discuss the past calendar year's accomplishments and contributions. Cite specific support from last calendar year's Annual Program Plan.)

Please see attached

Describe the CSO's Plans for the Next Three Calendar Years:

The Society will continue to support the Aquatic Preserve Program through education and outreach and assist with public interest funding management as requested. The Society will continue to advertise the Aquatic Preserve Program through the Living Waters exhibit.

CSO's LAST CALENDAR YEAR STATISTICS:

Total Number of CSO General Membership: 10

Total Number of Board of Directors: 7

Total Volunteer Hours for the Board of Directors: 448

ORCP & CSO RELATIONSHIP:

(Do not duplicate by describing accomplishments and contributions in the summary. Brag in the above Results Obtained.)

Below, describe the relationship.

AP Manager's Comments on the CSO & ORCP Relationship and Support:

ORCP and APS continue to work well together to support the distribution of public interest funding in support of the statewide AP system. APS's support of the 50th Anniversary of the Aquatic Preserve Act and Living Waters Display is a key component of the education effort across the state.

In the coming years, ORCP and APS will work together to strengthen the APS board membership and to provide a clear, statewide mission focused on the development of a strong network of Citizen Support Organizations established to support the AP program needs.

CSO President's Comments on the CSO & ORCP Relationship and Support:

Provide your perspective on the relationship between the ORCP and CSO. What went well? Are there areas of improvement?

The relationship between APS and DEP-ORCP continues to be collaborative and successful. Monthly APS Board Meeting calls give DEP a chance to provide updates and discuss any partnership opportunities – including APS assistance with Public Interest funding and implementing AP requested projects/purchases, display of the Living Waters photos around the State to advertise the AP system, and supporting AP updates/events.

APS has added a few new members over the past year, but additional volunteer support is an area for possible improvement to allow for increased support of the AP's. There could also be better/regular improvements to the APS website to link and support DEP-AP activities/postings.

SUMMARIZE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR LAST CALENDAR YEAR, DIRECT AP(S) SUPPORT & REVENUES: **Program Services** are costs related to providing your organization's programs or services in accordance with your mission. Describe and provide expenses that directly support the AP(s). For established nonprofit organizations, program service expenses generally represent most of the overall expenses of the organization. For the last calendar year provide the total \$ for each that apply.

Building improvement, construction, or renovations	\$
Cultural resources (e.g., historic structure restoration/ renovation).....	\$
Natural resources (e.g., native plants, natural lands restoration)	\$ 2,544.90
Maintenance equipment (e.g., mowers, chippers, blowers, chainsaws)	\$
Other facilities and landscape maintenance	\$
Vehicles (e.g., trucks/cars, UTVs, golf carts, accessible devices, etc.)	\$
Amenities (e.g., water fountains, benches, picnic tables, recreational equipment, kiosks etc.)	\$ 3,022.06
ORCP employees or volunteers support (e.g., interns, training, uniforms, awards, or recognition)	\$
Big ticket visitor center exhibits or interpretation updates	\$
Preserve exhibits, displays, signage	\$
Preserve publications, brochures, maps, etc.	\$
Programing/interpretation support material purchases	\$
Other program services	\$ 4,947.75
Total Program Service Expenses.....	\$ 10,678.36

Visitor Services Revenue are revenues and the resources generated from fundraising on preserve property.

Preserve gift shops, craft stores, and concession sales.....	\$
Merchandise sales (e.g., plants, firewood, ice, t-shirts, hats, etc.)	\$
Programs and Special Events (e.g., fundraising workshops, seasonal events, concerts, etc.).....	\$
Vending (e.g., drink machines, penny press, laundry, Wi-Fi, etc.)	\$
Rentals (e.g., bikes, canoe, kayak, SUPs, etc.)	\$
In-preserve donation boxes.....	\$
Other visitor services revenue.....	\$
Total Visitor Services Revenue	\$

NET ASSETS **\$ 25,000**

Organizations end of last year's Total Assets minus Total Liabilities. This is not the above's Visitor Service Revenue minus Program Service Expenses.

CSO AUDIT THRESHOLD:

Last Calendar Year's Total Expenses (including grants) **\$ 10,678.36**

Are the CSO's annual total expenses \$300,000 including grants? Then Section 215.981(2), Florida Statute requires an independent CPA audit using Government Audit Standards ([U.S. GAO Yellow Book](#)). The audit is **due by September 1** (9 months after the CSO's calendar year ends) to the Florida Auditor General and to the Department.

CONFIRM ATTACHMENTS:

☒ **Code of Ethics**

☒ **The most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N receipt. All IRS Form 990's must be complete with Part III Program Service and all appropriate Schedules (A, O, and others as appropriate). If filing an IRS extension, attach the IRS 8868 receipt and the most recent complete 990 and schedules.**

2025 CSO Legislative Report Acknowledgment

This information is complete to the best of my knowledge pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes

Signature: 

Print name: Kevin Claridge

Aquatic Preserve Society

Date: 05/05/2026

Signature: _____

Print name: David Overstreet, ORCP Manager

Date: 06/15/2026

Aquatic Preserve Society

2025 Annual Report

Business

The Aquatic Preserve Society (APS) held twelve meetings in 2025. The meetings were held by video conference as in past years.

At each meeting the secretary presents the minutes of the past meeting for approval or amendment by the board.

At each meeting the treasurer presents a budget report. The report contains the current balance of funds, the amount of discretionary funds available to the board, income received and expenditures made. Balances of each project are included.

Cooperation with the DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Programs (ORCP)

ORCP staff continues to update the APS on matters that may affect the Aquatic Preserve Program and coastal management in general.

Celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Aquatic Preserve Act Have Begun! Aquatic Preserves will be featured at Oceans Day 4/1/25 in Tallahassee; AP websites are getting a new look; banners and items like the new thermoses have been produced to share; I-95, I-75 and I-10 Welcome Centers are planning event days with AP staff; and a calendar page will promote AP and regional events.

APS Board members participated in the 50th Aquatic Preserve Act Anniversary and CSO meeting led by David Overstreet with 33 attendees.

David Overstreet gave a sneak preview of the new Living Waters website; complete with new FL maps, photos, adjacent parks & additional data. FloridaAquaticPreserves.com and FloridaAquaticPreserves.org have been reserved.

Earl Pearson gives the status of any management plans that are up for review.

Biscayne Bay AP Advisory Committee & Public Meetings were held in May. The management plan received ARC approval in October.

Florida Forever purchased 34.1 acres of mangroves on Sandpiper Key, a new mini-buffer preserve; it will be managed by Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves. Sandpiper Key is an island along a causeway in Lemon Bay. It was at risk of becoming a subdivision, but the more upland portions are mostly mangroves. It also includes some submerged lands, mostly seagrass beds. An additional 40 acres of mangroves and 1.5 acres of upland may be purchased soon.

An advisory committee meeting for the the Kristin Jacobs Coral Aquatic Preserve was held October 5th. Kevin Clarridge of Mote Marine Laboratory was available to help review. Two in-person public meetings in N. Palm Beach and N. Miami, and one online public meeting are scheduled for December 9th, 10th and 11th

The Southwest Estuarine Restoration Team (SWERT) may apply for NOAA's Transformational Restoration Grant. SWERT is a consortium made up of local organizations which DEP's Mindy Brown co-leads for the region.

Randy Runnels reports for the Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserves (TBAP). Friends of Tampa Bay (FOTB) had a movie night in Tarpon Springs for a break from all the hours spent on the islands helping to clean up storm damage. Lots of Australian pines were uprooted, picnic tables and kiosks moved and repaired. Ohio State is not coming this year for the College Service/Learning Program, but UNC Chapel Hill will, and USF will come for an overnight. Derelict vessels are still an issue and worm reef chunks washed up from somewhere.

Clean Boating partnered with TBAP at the St. Pete Boat Show helping with expanded kids' activities like a touch table and reusable bags coloring area. Bird buoys will be ordered soon.

TBAP and FOTB built four educational kiosks with roofs for less than \$700 for wood and \$180 for stainless steel hardware. Plans and tips are available to other APs for the asking. A 30' sailboat is still stuck on an island needing dismantling before removal. Volunteers planted trees/watered on islands.

TBAP is working on removing ghost traps with Coast Guard, FWC & FWS. TBAP will participate in Shark Con in July at the fairgrounds with National Geographic.

Randy Runnels, staff & interns participated in wilderness first aid training at \$250 each/ 2-day course.

A DEP Env Attorney visited TBAP and Crystal River.

Randy spoke on invasive species at the Clearwater Friends group's annual meeting and the APs had a booth at Shark Con/National Geographic in July. Tampa APs give out 1,000 coloring bags a year at events-all are decorated there by kids while their parents had a opportunity to speak with AP staff and volunteers.

Replacement nesting buoys were received but not in time for spring, so they are making sure the screw anchors are ready for quick deployment in the fall. AP staff assisted USF repair a datasonde in Bishop. In the evaluation of realigning the Anclote channel at St. Joseph Sound, TBAP mapped submerged contours and another spring/cave was found near Howard Park where the depth went steeply from 8' to 20'.

Paige Plier, AP Mgr. for Ft. Pickens, Yellow River Marsh & Rocky Bayou, has been monitoring 600 hectares of oyster reef with TNC, continuing shoreline plantings and staff boat training.

Laura Reynolds, UF Soil, Water & Ecosystem Sciences Department, is working with Tim Jones, continuing a 2021 seagrass monitoring program in the Nature Coast AP.

Bilal Ansari supervised repair of the ADA ramp and decking for the Wekiva, Middle St. Johns/Tomoka Marsh AP office with staff and volunteer help.

Mindy Brown, all SW region APs are still working on hurricane and marine debris.

Deborah Shelley spoke for the Aquatic Preserve Alliance of Central FL (Alliance) which covered tuition for CFAP Manager John Van Bergen to take, for credit, the UF IFAS Natural Areas Training Academy course, *Collaborating to Manage Ecosystems*, in addition to continuing the AP's tradition of hosting the field trip segment. This year, John and Wekiva Wild & Scenic River Ambassador, Val Hahn, escorted students on two Wekiva River paddles with periodic stops to discuss a variety of subjects related to collaboration and management of this ecosystem. The course has become so popular they needed two afternoons for the river portion. The CFAP office is hosting a Friendsgiving celebration for friends and volunteers on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

Jeff Carter reported that Governor DeSantis visited Rookery Bay NERR in April.

Joanna Walczak, now the VP for Conservation at the Loggerhead Marine Life Center in Juno Beach, joined the meeting to discuss numerous coral reef and other projects and funding sources. Jenna can look into funding for beach nourishment.

Griffin Alexander and Mark Walenta spoke for Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve. Mark shared a great presentation, *BBAP Sponge Restoration Project*, on their bioremediation pilot project to determine which non-commercial species could survive in local waters, grow, thrive, and which filters the most water. Beginning in May, 2025, they cut up and secured in the bay, donor sponges, cleaning and measuring them weekly, using Sept. 26 growth measurements and Nov. 7 survival data in today's presentation. The results were impressive, especially considering they survived a sewage spill. Forms have been submitted for Royal Caribbean's funding of Griffin Alexander and Mark Walenta's Sponge Restoration Project with APS as the applicant.

The AP Managers annual face to face meeting will be in April.

Numerous staff changes at DEP have occurred within the past few months, Mike Shirley retired, and Jenna Harper replaced him as a Deputy Director; Kim Miller replaced Jenna as NW Region Program Administrator.

The APS Board unanimously approved the Aquatic Preserve Society to join dozens of organizations and sign the Conservation Funding Priorities Letter to Florida legislators in both houses. As many aquatic preserves, via their offices, are currently funded by NOAA, the APS is awaiting news from the program managers.

Living Waters Exhibit Status

The APS continues to manage the fine art photography exhibit about Florida's Aquatic Preserves, donated by Clyde Butcher.

The Living Waters Exhibit was at Lyonia Environmental Center Mid-January through mid-April, in Deltona. It may be possible for at least Clyde and Niki to come up for a book-signing. The board voted to waive any fees.

The APS is beginning to think about a Lifetime Achievement Award for Clyde and Niki Butcher & Family. The display is an effective way to inform the general public about coastal resources in their area and to use in fund raising activities. An appropriate Clyde Butcher Family Award was discussed and a turned bowl made from a local black mangrove downed by a recent hurricane was thought to be the perfect gift. The artist, Glenn Pace, is local, and like Clyde's art, the bowl will be black and white. The bowl was funded by contributions from board members. It is both beautiful and unique.

Individualized Aquatic Preserve postcards are printed and will be available for the individual APs to write notes to Clyde & family to put in the bowl presented to the Butcher family.

Considerable planning was conducted to display the exhibit and present the award to Clyde Butcher at the Mote Science Education Aquarium (Mote SEA) multi-day event, December 2-4, 2025. A variety of difficulties arose so presentation of the Clyde Butcher Family Award was rescheduled to February 7, 2026 when, daughter, Jackie Butcher Obendorf, will be hosting an Open House at the Big Cypress Gallery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Projects

The APS receives donations and manages them to support aquatic preserve activities.

During 2025 APS received \$60,295 in donations for new projects. During the year, the APS had 25 projects in progress, 5 new projects were added and 6 projects were closed.

During the year APS expended funds of \$10, 678.36 as follows:

Administrative Costs (\$163.95 – 1.54%) – Provided postage, post office box, and web site subscription. These costs are paid for by member dues.

Recreation (\$3,022.06 – 28.3%) - Provided picnic tables for recreational areas.

Restoration of Native Habitats (\$2,544.90 - 23.83%) – Controlled exotic vegetation and replanted native vegetation in multiple coastal locations and funded a resource survey at Lake Jackson.

Education (\$4,947.75 - 46.33%) – Provided a booth at St. Pete boat show and materials to present resource information to boaters, provided signage informing residents of resource management efforts in their vicinity.

AQUATIC PRESERVE SOCIETY, INC.

CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of (herein "APS") that its board members, officers, and employees be independent and impartial and that their position not be used for private gain. Therefore, the Florida Legislature in Section 112.3251, Florida Statute (Fla. Stat.), requires that the law protect against any conflict of interest and establish standards for the conduct of APS board members, officers, and employees in situations where conflicts may exist.
- (2) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that no APS board member, officer, or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties for the APS. To implement this policy and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people in Citizen Support Organizations, there is enacted a code of ethics setting forth standards of conduct required of APS board members, officers, and employees in the performance of their official duties.

STANDARDS

The following standards of conduct are enumerated in Chapter 112, Fla. Stat., and are required by Section 112.3251, Fla. Stat., to be observed by APS board members, officers, and employees.

1. Prohibition of Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts

No APS board member, officer, or employee shall solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the APS board member, officer, or employee would be influenced thereby.

2. Prohibition of Accepting Compensation Given to Influence a Vote

No APS board member, officer, or employee shall accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value when the person knows, or, with reasonable care, should know that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the APS board member, officer, or employee was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.

3. Salary and Expenses

No APS board member or officer shall be prohibited from voting on a matter affecting his or her salary, expenses, or other compensation as an APS board member or officer, as provided by law.

4. Prohibition of Misuse of Position

An APS board member, officer, or employee shall not corruptly use or attempt to use one's official position or any property or resource which may be within one's trust, or perform official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption.

5. Prohibition of Misuse of Privileged Information

No APS board member, officer, or employee shall disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of one's official position for one's own personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.

6. Post-Office/Employment Restrictions

A person who has been elected to any APS board or office or who is employed by an APS may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the governing body of the APS of which he or she was a board member, officer, or employee for a period of two years after he or she vacates that office or employment position.

7. Prohibition of Employees Holding Office

No person may be, at one time, both an APS employee and an APS board member at the same time.

8. Requirements to Abstain From Voting

An APS board member or officer shall not vote in official capacity upon any measure which would affect his or her special private gain or loss, or which he or she knows would affect the special gain or any principal by whom the board member or officer is retained. When abstaining, the APS board member or officer, prior to the vote being taken, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for the APS board member or officer to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

9. Failure to Observe APS Code of Ethics

Failure of an APS board member, officer, or employee to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the removal of that person from their position. Further, failure of the APS to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection terminating its Agreement with the APS.

Signature:  Print Name Kevin Claridge, President
Date: 08/21/29

Short Form**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.**2025****Open to Public
Inspection**

A For the 2025 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025	
B Check if applicable: ☒ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization AQUATIC PRESERVE SOCIETY INC Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 2671 Crawfordville Hwy - PMB 17 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Crawfordville, FL 32327-2169
D Employer identification number 47-1765094	
E Telephone number 850-544-0380	
F Group Exemption Number	
G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify): _____	
H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).	
I Website: _____	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other: _____	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 61,060	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)			
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒			
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	60,545
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	515
	4	Investment income	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	0
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	0
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events:	
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	0
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	0
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	0	
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	0	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	0	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	0	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	0	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	0	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	61,060	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	0
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	0
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	0
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	57
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	10,622
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	10,679
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	50,381
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	170,742
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	221,123

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	145,742	22	196,123
23 Land and buildings	0	23	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	25,000	24	25,000
25 Total assets	170,742	25	221,123
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	170,742	27	221,123

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Support of the Florida Aquatic Preserve Program

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 <u>Rental of kiosk and expenses for educational program</u>		
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	4,891
29 <u>Purchase of picnic tables for recreational areas.</u>		
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	3,022
30 <u>Restoration of Native Habitats - Controlled exotic vegetation and replanted native vegetation in multiple coastal locations.</u>		
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	2,545
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O, Statement 1.</u>		
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	164
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	10,622

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Kevin Claridge</u> <u>President</u>	1.15	0	0	0
<u>Deborah Shelley</u> <u>Vice President</u>	2.00	0	0	0
<u>Larry Nall</u> <u>Treasurer</u>	3.31	0	0	0
<u>Marc Virgilio</u> <u>Board Member</u>	0.23	0	0	0
<u>Terry Cain</u> <u>Board Member</u>	0.23	0	0	0
<u>Barbara Howell</u> <u>Secretary</u>	1.46	0	0	0
<u>Heather Stafford</u> <u>Board Member</u>	0.23	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	☐	☒
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions	☐	☒
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	☐	☒
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	☐	☐
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	☐	☒
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	☐	☒
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0	☐	☐
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐	☒
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	☐	☒
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved 38b	☐	☐
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	☐	☐
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a	☐	☐
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b	☐	☐
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:	☐	☐
section 4911: 0; section 4912: 0; section 4955: 0	☐	☐
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	☐	☒
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 0	☐	☐
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 0	☐	☐
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	☐	☒
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed:	☐	☐
42a The organization's books are in care of: <u>Larry</u> Telephone no. <u>850-544-0380</u> Located at: <u>630 Oak Park Rd, Sopchoppy, FL 32358</u> ZIP + 4 <u>32358</u>	☐	☐
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	☐	☒
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____	☐	☒
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43	☐	☐
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	☐	☒
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	☐	☒
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	☐	☒
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	☐	☐
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	☐	☒
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions	☐	☒

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		✓

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

48		✓
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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		✓
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer Larry Nall, Treasurer		Date		
	Officer's name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name			Firm's EIN	
	Firm's address			Phone no.	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2025

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

AQUATIC PRESERVE SOCIETY INC

Employer identification number

47-1765094

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☒ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33¹/₃% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33¹/₃% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization must generally satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2025 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33¹/₃% support test—2025. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 ¹ / ₃ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 33¹/₃% support test—2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 ¹ / ₃ % or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2025. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		☐
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	128,824	52,649	7,240	65,217	61,060	314,990
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	128,824	52,649	7,240	65,217	61,060	314,990
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						314,990

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	128,824	52,649	7,240	65,217	61,060	314,990
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	128,824	52,649	7,240	65,217	61,060	314,990
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2025 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100 %
16 Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2025 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0 %
19a 33¹/₃% support tests—2025. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, and line 17 is not more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
b 33¹/₃% support tests—2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, and line 18 is not more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☒	
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	☐	

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described on line 11a above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
1		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c ☐ The organization supported a governmental supported organization. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental supported organization (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of its supported organization(s)? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to each of its supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
2a			
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
2b			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a, 3b, and 3c below.			
a Are the organization and its supported organization(s) part of an integrated system (for example, a hospital system)? If "Yes," provide details in Part VI .			
3a			
b Did the organization direct the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			
3b			
c Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect (and remove) a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI .			
3c			

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1** ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A—Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B—Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C—Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D—Distributions		Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required— <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5	
6	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 5.	6	
7	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	7	
8	Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6	8	
9	Line 7 amount divided by line 8 amount	9	

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2025	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2025
1 Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2025 (reasonable cause required— <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2025			
a From 2020			
b From 2021			
c From 2022			
d From 2023			
e From 2024			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2025 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2020 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2025 from Section D, line 6: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2025 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2025, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2025. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2026. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2021 . . .			
b Excess from 2022 . . .			
c Excess from 2023 . . .			
d Excess from 2024 . . .			
e Excess from 2025 . . .			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, and 3c; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5 and 7; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

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Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Administrative costs, recreational amenities, supplies for resource restoration and management, educational program costs

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Other Program Service Accomplishments

Description	Grants And Allocations	Includes Foreign Grants	Program Service Expenses
Administrative Costs - Web site	0		164
Total:			164